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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) An easy-to-open tubular sealed casing for packaging a content therein, the casing comprising:

5 a base film comprising a composite plastic film with at least three film layers including an outer layer film which forms an outer surface when the composite plastic film is formed into a tubular form, an intermediate layer film which forms an intermediate layer and an inner layer film, said composite plastic film being formed into a tubular form by bending said base film,